

XIV



"It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken, and the wisest might err."

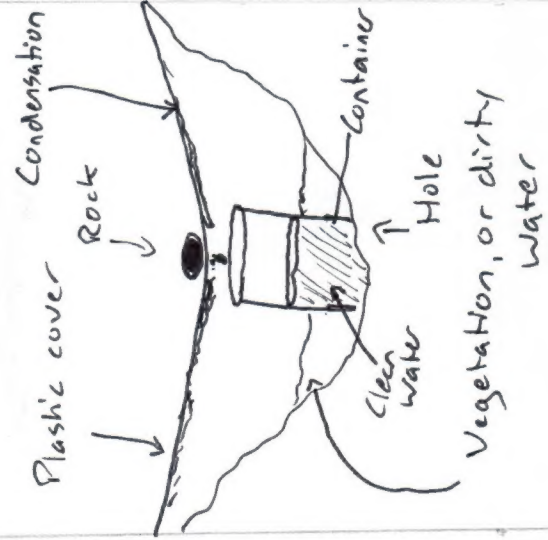
-Mohandas Gandhi

Thomas Vose, 12/6/2021

Sand stiffens when wet due to capillary action.

The ancient Egyptians used this knowledge to wet sand in the path of blocks used to build the Pyramids to keep the sand from bunching up in front.

How to Make a Solar Still:



The Giant Gippsland Earthworm lives in Australia. It can reach 9 feet long...

A "black sheep" is



less valuable, as its wool can't be dyed - hence the term used to describe a family outcast.

Butyric acid is found in chocolate - it gives it a slight sourness. Some manufacturers deliberately add it. It's a chemical found in vomit.



The blood you donate is sold by blood banks to hospitals. (You should still do it, though). It's a surprisingly big business.